Forestry Investment Competitiveness

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Forested Regions of the World

Source: FAO
World Markets
Competitive Factors

- US South is low cost producer
- Rule of law
- Respect for private property rights
- Superior infrastructure – rail, roads, ports
- Strong logging force
- Extraordinarily high *ad valorem* taxes
- Reasonable environmental regulations
- Land ethic of forest owners
- Great access to world markets
- Georgia Biomass is a prime example
Industrial Roundwood Production
By Major Country

Source: FAO 2015
US South in the World Context

Source: FAO Global Forest Assessment, FAO Yearbook, USDA Forest Service
Georgia by the Numbers

- 38.0 million total acres
- 24.4 million acres of timberlands

Forest Owners
- Non-industrial private landowners 56%
- Corporate landowners 25%
- Industrial landowners 10%
- Public Land 9%

* Georgia Forestry Commission
Timberland Growing-stock Growth and Removal
(trees > 5” DBH)

Source: USDA Forest Service FIA
Volume of Softwood Growing-stock on Georgia Timberland (trees > 5” DBH)

Source: USDA Forest Service FIA
## Top Ten Industrial Timberland Owners

### 2000 and 2016 in Million Acres

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**Total** | 37.2 | **Total**                | 33.4 |
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